during 1996-97 and the installed capacity as on 31.3.1997 (the last year of the 8th Plan) are given below :

Category	Installed Capacity as on 31.3.1997 (MW)	Power generation 1996-97 (MU)
Thermal	61.149.51	316869
Hydro	21.658.08	68609

(b) The average cost of supply of power and average tariff changed from various categories of consumers (for typical load), in respect of 17 State Electricity Boards on 31st March, 1994 and 31st March, 1996 is given below :

(Paise/kwh)

	As on 31st March, 1994	As on 31st March, 1996
Average cost of supply	154.78	179.74
Average Tariff :		
1. Domestic (2 kw) 110 kwh/month	94.35	110.18
2. Commercial (5 kw) 200 kwh/month	237.35	295.89
3. Agriculture 10 HP, 20% L.F.	38.82	45.88
4. Industrial (50 kw) 14600 kwh/month 40% L.F.	176.23	215.06

(c) The Working Group on Power constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended a capacity addition programme of 57.735 MW for 9th Five Year Plan comprising 17411 MW from Hydro and 39.444 MW from Thermal (including Gas, Diesel etc.) and 880 MW from Nuclear to meet the demand as projected in 15th Electric Power Survey Report. The targets for 9th Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised.

(d) To meet the projected demand, Government have initiated various steps which, inter-alia, include addition of capacity, encouraging private sector participation in power generation, better demand side management, energy conservation measures, renovation and modernisation of existing plants, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and affective utilisation of generation capacity by transfer of power from surplus regions to deficit regions through inter-regional links.

New Telephone Exchanges in West Bengal

1322. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) whether some exchanges in the State are also proposed to be expanded modernised;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(e) the investment proposed to be made therefore during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Clearance of Proposals for Foreign Investment

1323. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of the proposals for foreign direct investment in the field of Power generation so far approved by Government;

(b) the proposals still pending for clearance along with the details;

(c) the terms and conditions which have been agreed to by the Government;

(d) the names of the Indian collaborators;

(e) the time schedule for the commencement of the generation; and

(f) the total quantity of power is likely to be generated by these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) The details of the project specific proposals approved for foreign direct investment in the field of power generation from August, 1991 to May, 1997 are given in enclosed Statement-I. These approvals are subject, inter-alia, to the proposals obtaining all the required statutory clearances. The details of power project proposals for foreign direct investment presently pending for clearance are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

(e) The commencement of the generation is conditional to tying up of the required inputs/linkages and obtaining necessary clearances and achieving financial closure by the projects.

(f) The total quantity of power that can be generated by the projects approved for foreign direct investment in generation from a capacity of 20.047 MW.